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Helpful Tips for FacWideIn MRSA Bacteremia LabID Event Reporting for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program

The following steps should be completed prior to the quarterly CMS Hospital IQR Program deadline:

- ☐ **Verify Your Facility's CMS Certification Number (CCN)**
  An accurate CCN is required for those facilities participating in CMS's Hospital IQR Program, as this is the ID that will be used to submit FacWideIn CDI LabID data to CMS on your behalf. To update the CCN, use the **Facility > Facility Info** option within NHSN. At the top of the Facility Information screen, verify and update, if necessary, the CCN in the appropriate data entry field. If any changes have been made, remember to click the **"Update"** button at the bottom of screen. *Please be sure to double- and triple-check this number!*

- ☐ **Check the Monthly Reporting Plan each month**
  When NHSN releases FacWideIn MRSA Bacteremia LabID data to CMS for those hospitals participating in CMS's Hospital IQR Reporting Program, only those months in which the facility included FacWideIn MRSA LabID (either "All Specimens" or "Blood Specimens Only") in its NHSN monthly reporting plan (MRP) will be included. It is the responsibility of each facility to check their MRPs for compliance with this requirement.

- ☐ **Enter FacWideIn denominator data for each month under surveillance**
  Overall, inpatient facility-wide denominator data (i.e., patient days and admissions) can be entered using the Summary Data > Add option within NHSN and selecting "MDRO and CDI Prevention Process and Outcomes Monthly Monitoring Form"

- ☐ **If no events have been identified, check "Report No Events" on denominator data form**
  IMPORTANT! Facilities must appropriately **Report No Events** for those months for which no events of each type under surveillance were identified. If no events have been reported and this box is not checked, your data will not be submitted to CMS. For instructions, please see Step 5 of the following document: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/mrsa-cdi/How-To-Set-Up-And-Report-MRSA-CDI.pdf

- ☐ **If MRSA Bacteremia LabID events have been identified, enter these events into NHSN**
  MRSA Bacteremia LabID events can be entered by using the Event > Add option within NHSN. Note that you must specify the inpatient location where the specimen was collected. You must also specify Specimen Body Site/Source = CARD and Specimen Source = BLDSPC for NHSN to categorize the LabID event as MRSA bacteremia.

- ☐ **Use NHSN Analysis Tools to check for accuracy and completion**
  The NHSN Analysis Output Option, "SIR - MRSA Blood FacwideIN LabID Data for CMS IPPS" was created in order to allow facilities to review those MRSA Bacteremia LabID data that would be submitted to CMS on their behalf. For more information about this output option, please see the document **Using the "SIR - MRSA Blood FacwideIN LabID Data for CMS IPPS" Output Option** on the NHSN website: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms/index.html#mrsa

Additional Resources:

Operational Guidance for Acute Care Hospitals to Report Facility-Wide Inpatient (FacWideIN) Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) Blood Specimen (Bacteremia) Laboratory-Identified (LabID) Event Data to CDC's NHSN for the Purpose of Fulfilling CMS's Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Requirements: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/mrsa-cdi/FINAL-ACH-MRSA-Bacteremia-Guidance.pdf

How to Set Up NHSN Reporting for Facility-Wide Inpatient MRSA Bacteremia and C. difficile LabID events for the CMS Inpatient Quality Reporting Program: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/mrsa-cdi/How-To-Set-Up-And-Report-MRSA-CDI.pdf